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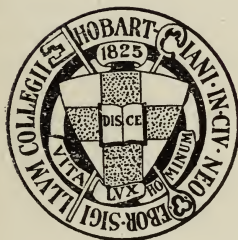
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1905-1906

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOBART COLLEGE :

*Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees :*

For the first time since assuming the position of President of Hobart College there devolves upon me a mournful duty. It is that of officially reporting to this Board the death of one of its most honored members. On Wednesday, September 20th, the Rev. Henry R. Lockwood, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, entered into rest. His death was as sudden as it was unexpected, and came as a shock to all his relatives and friends. At the instance of the President a joint meeting of the Trustees resident in Geneva and the Faculty of the College was held in Coxe Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, September 21st. The Secretary of the Board, Mr. Philip N. Nicholas, presented the following minute, which was unanimously adopted :

“In the death of Dr. Lockwood, which occurred at Syracuse on the 20th instant, Hobart College has sustained a loss most appreciated, it may be, by those of us who knew him first as an undergraduate in Hobart, then as a tutor, for thirty years one of its Trustees and for the last two years Chairman of the Board. In all these relations perhaps the one word that expresses best his distinguishing trait was *character*. He was a man among men in all the affairs of life. He was cultured; he was lovable; he was devout. He was a lover of nature and of men. As a student in Hobart his scholarship was of the best, as is evidenced by the fact that in spite of his being a leader in athletics, he graduated with the second honor in his class. It is doubted by those who knew him then if, in the last forty years, there has arisen another whose influence did more to tone the student body to right living and right thinking than did that of Henry R. Lockwood as an undergraduate. In the city which for more than a quarter of a century he made his home Dr. Lockwood was foremost in every movement that tended to

the bettering of civic life. His personal friends were limited to no class or condition in life. His connection with both the Faculty and Trustees of Hobart makes it peculiarly fitting that they should join at this time in recording the sense of their loss, and in expressing the deep sympathy felt for his family, and for the community in which he lived."

*"Resolved:* That a copy of the foregoing be sent to the family of Dr. Lockwood, that it be laid before the Faculty and the Board of Trustees at their next meeting for record, and that both the Faculty and Trustees send representatives to the funeral services in Syracuse tomorrow."

In accordance with the terms of the above resolution the President herewith lays a copy of the minute before this Board for record and for the purpose of securing any further action which the Board in its sympathy and wisdom may wish to take.

It further remains for me to add that the Trustees and Faculty of the College were represented at the funeral of Dr. Lockwood by the President and Dr. Charles D. Vail. To the President was assigned a part in the religious services. The President moreover desires to say for himself that in his all too brief association with Dr. Lockwood he always found him a faithful Trustee, a loyal Alumnus and a kindly personal friend. May Hobart bring forth many more such sons and may their last end be like his.

## THE FACULTY

The President also regrets to report the resignation of Prof. Herbert R. Moody, who left us in July to accept the position of Associate Professor of Chemistry in the College of the City of New York. Through Dr. Moody's able and unwearied efforts the Chemical Laboratory has been built up and developed until it is at present a well equipped work-

shop of the modern type. The College owes much to Dr. Moody's efficient labors, both as teacher and laboratory builder. He possesses the quality of inspiring his students with his own zeal and industry and he also succeeds in getting out of them the maximum of work. He was always a helpful colleague too, and a true hearted, loyal friend. He labored in season and out of season for the good of the student and the welfare of the College; and while we parted from him with profound regret we take a genuine satisfaction in paying this modest tribute to the loyalty of his heart and to the value and productiveness of his career at Hobart.

## GIFTS

Turning now to the encouraging and happy events of the year it gives me great pleasure to note and bring to the attention of this Board the gradual adorning and enrichment of Coxe Hall by the portraits of Hobart's former sons and leaders. Three years ago such portraits of Hobart worthies as were in possession of the College were hanging in the Library. During the Commencement season of June, 1903, and much to the satisfaction of all comers, these portraits were removed to Coxe Hall. This Hall is the place where Hobart men from far and near assemble every year at the Alumni Smoker and Commencement Dinner. It is an inspiration to them, as many have already confessed, to be surrounded by the faces of former Presidents, Professors and Trustees; some of whom they have known and loved and all of whom are associated in their minds with the work and history of the College. Their silent presence speaks to Alumni and Undergraduates alike of the labors and achievements of the past, tells them that Hobart has attained the dignity of years, adds the solemnity of deep perspective to their vision

of her life and spurs them on to increase her usefulness and enhance her fame.

Last year I announced to this Board the highly prized acquisition of the portraits of Bishops Hobart and Coxe. This year three portraits more have been hung upon our walls. The first was in oil and was that of Mr. Benjamin F. Beckwith, the father of Miss Annie E. Beckwith, late of New London, Conn., who at her demise bequeathed the portrait together with the sum of five thousand dollars to the College. The second portrait, also in oil, was that of the Rev. Jasper Adams, the first President of Hobart. It was a legacy from the late Miss C. C. Adams, own daughter of the President, and now hangs above the platform and to the right of Bishop Hobart. The third and last, a strikingly fine crayon, was the portrait of Professor John Towler, for many years a versatile and popular member of the College Faculty. It was the gift of Mr. Charles W. Robinson of Hornellsville, New York, an Alumnus of '87. It is to be hoped that the mention of these remembrances, which we here once more gratefully acknowledge, will serve to remind our friends that the true abiding place of the portraits of Hobart men is Coxe Hall, and also induce them as occasion arises to make the gallery of our academic ancestors a larger and more representative one.

Besides the portraits just enumerated the College has received two other needed gifts. The first was a handsome concrete walk running the entire length of Medbery Hall and extending beyond the Library Building to the walls of old Geneva. It replaced a wretched wooden structure and has brought with it both comfort to the Faculty and Students and fresh attractiveness to the Campus. The College is indebted for this yet further evidence of her interest in its welfare to the generous giver of Medbery Hall, Miss Catherine M. Tuttle of Columbus, Ohio.



The second gift was that of a handsome flagpole and flag from Mrs. Charles D. Vail of Geneva: a benefactress to whom the College owes an ever increasing debt of gratitude. In accordance with one of the conditions of the gift the stars and stripes are now seen floating high above the oldest buildings on every day that College is in session.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND BEQUESTS

### DEFICIT FUND

The President takes unfeigned satisfaction in reporting that the year has been a fruitful one in subscriptions and bequests. And first of all he wishes to announce a gratifying increase in the Deficit Fund which has been so widely and willingly contributed to by the Alumni and friends of the College. In the report of last year it was announced that the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars a year for five years had been subscribed. This amount has now been augmented by six hundred dollars a year more, so that the grand total of the Fund stands at present at five thousand one hundred dollars. Our indefatigable Treasurer hopes that the six thousand dollars which we started out to raise will all be in hand by the first of March.

The subscriptions to the Gymnasium I regret **GYMNASIUM** to say have not been large. Although much effort has been made to obtain the twenty five thousand dollars required for the erection of this important building, only ten thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars have been secured, and of this sum all but one hundred dollars, the gift of Mr. Henry A. Wheat of Geneva, was donated last year. Notwithstanding this rather meagre showing the President is by no means discouraged and still trusts that the laying of the corner stone of the Gymnasium

may yet form part of the festivities of next Commencement. It certainly will form such a part if we can but once impress Hobart men with the urgent need of this addition to our equipment and stimulate them to some determined work in its behalf. Apart from the question of athletics, physical culture is a preeminently necessary adjunct to the mental training of the class room: and it is the intention of the President, so soon as the Gymnasium is built, to require of every Freshman a given number of hours of gymnasium work. The large cage which forms an integral part of our plan and which is to be used for indoor track work and ball practice will take care of itself. The pulling of weights and the swinging of clubs demand in most cases the spur and supervision of a Physical Director, but playing ball seems to possess such inherent and ineradicable attractions for the human race that no further stimulus except such as nature provides is required. I am sure, if some superannuated athlete who still remembers with delight the ball-playing of his youth could but see the students of Hobart College frozen into their dormitories during the winter season and with never a chance for exercise except upon the icy sidewalks of one or two streets or over the snow drifts of country roads, he would open not only his heart but his purse, if he had one, in order to satisfy their human passion for ball and their equally human need of health. Wherever these words are read, therefore, may they be seriously taken to heart and may they be the means of bringing us sooner or later, and the sooner the better, our long prayed for Gymnasium.

The Scholarship Funds of the College have  
**SCHOLAR-** been enlarged during the year by a very  
**SHIPS** welcome bequest of five thousand dollars  
from Miss Annie E. Beckwith, late of New  
London, Conn.; "the income thereof to be used according



to the laws and rules of Hobart College in founding scholarships at said College to be called the Benjamin F. Beckwith scholarships."

Our Scholarship Funds now amount to nearly two hundred thousand dollars and they constitute both a considerable portion of our yearly income as well as an invaluable assistance to needy students. Indeed the fact cannot be too strongly emphasized or too frequently repeated that Hobart, because of the cheapness of living in Geneva and because of her moderate college expenses, enables many young fellows to obtain an education at a minimum cost. The thirst of young men for the advantages of academic training is far deeper and much more widespread than the public at large ever dreams of. Every year the President receives urgent applications for scholarships from needy boys who are hungry for knowledge, but totally devoid of means; and every year he is obliged to refuse the majority of such applications because the scholarships at his disposal are not of sufficient size to meet the modest requirements of penniless students. With the exception of three scholarships of two hundred dollars each, *none* that we at present give exceeds one hundred and ten dollars in amount. It is evident therefore that the men we help must also in large part help themselves. The annual expenses of a student can with economy be kept down to three hundred and fifty dollars, but the opportunities for self help in a city like Geneva are neither abundant nor remunerative. The result is that many worthy men are turned away from our doors. Time was when Hobart received quite a number of students from the south, but owing to the fact that other more fortunate colleges have been endowed with larger scholarships than ourselves these southern students have been diverted, and often against their natural inclinations, elsewhere. The President would like to see these men of the south return and he would also be thankful could

he be provided with a number of scholarships of from two hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars each with which to assist some of the promising youths who yearly knock at the door of our house and heart. May these lines meet the eyes of some good people who are interested in the great cause of educating the young lads of our land and may they also induce them to make us at Hobart the almoners of a part of that bounty with which they have been blessed.

**ENDOW-  
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The Endowment Fund of the College has received several accessions during the past twelve months. First came the announcement of a bequest of five thousand dollars from Mrs. Adelaide Richmond Kenny, late of Batavia, New York, together with a second bequest of ten thousand in reversion. Not long afterwards by the will of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, widow of Washington Hunt sometime a Trustee of Hobart a legacy of one thousand dollars was left the college, and a few weeks ago our ever faithful and generous friend Mr. Charles P. Boswell, of Rochester, enclosed his check to the President and Treasurer for another thousand dollars to be added to the Charles P. Boswell Fund. In all there has been bequeathed or given to the Endowment Fund of the college since the presentation of my last report the sum of seventeen thousand dollars. It may be useful at this point to summarize the various subscriptions and bequests of the year, although it should be borne in mind that by far the greater part of the subjoined sums have not as yet been received by the Treasurer.

Deficit Fund : \$600 a year for 5 year.....	\$ 3,000.00
Benjamin F. Beckwith Scholarship.....	5,000.00
Mrs. Adelaide Richmond Kenny, Endowment Fund ..	15,000.00
Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Endowment Fund....	1000.00
Charles P. Boswell Fund.....	1000.00
Gymnasium.....	100.00
Total, ..	\$25,100.00

And now before leaving the subject of the Endowment Fund, the President esteems it his duty to remind the Trustees that it is upon a material increase of this fund in the very near future that the stability and efficiency of the College depend. Through the timely assistance of Alumni and friends the annual deficit will be for the most part met during the next four years. It is *during these four years* that provision must be made against the time when the subscriptions to the deficit will cease. It is well to face now and squarely what the possible consequences would be, should the expiration of the present subscription on March 1, 1910, find us as inadequately endowed as we are at present. One of two consequences would be inevitable. It would be necessary either to ask the friends and Alumni of the College to renew their subscriptions for another term of years, or else it would be imperative to cut down the teaching force and so cripple the laboratories that they would be of little if any further use. The choice of the latter alternative would be, in all human probability, the death knell of the College.

Now undoubtedly it is the equipments of science which cost money, but it is equally indubitable that it is these same equipments of science which attract and hold the vast majority of students. At the very lowest computation three-fourths of the undergraduate body of Hobart College today are registered in the Science courses. What would happen should these courses be either inefficiently conducted or wholly eliminated from the curriculum is apparent at a glance. There remains therefore but one thing to do, and that is to employ the next four years in securing at the very least a sufficient endowment to maintain the present standing of the College; or, to put the matter in another way, to procure a capital the income of which would fully take the place of the subscriptions which expire in 1910. This Capital or Fund

of Endowment must amount to one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. And surely this ought not to be considered an impossible task. Other colleges have weathered the same crisis through which we are passing now, and why should not we do the same? The crisis is nothing more nor less than the transformation of the ancient College with its small corps of professors and its few text books into the modern College with its well equipped laboratories and its ampler Faculty. An old College like Hobart which is to live and satisfy the educational demands of the present day must therefore meet the crisis by the required process of transformation. Such transformation cannot of course be accomplished in a day, but with the firm grip on life which eighty years educational standing and eight hundred loyal Alumni give we may and must be sure that it will certainly take place. Indeed it is going on quite vigorously now. It began under the administration of my predecessor, Dr. Jones, and it has made no small or ineffectual progress since. The signs of its continuance in the future are many in number and inspiring in character. The outlook which these signs reveal and the promises they make are such as to put heart into the least sanguine of Hobart men and to rally us all together into one, united, compact body bent on winning the goal. And now what is this outlook?

## THE OUTLOOK

The outlook is that of a sure and steady development into a strong college. The signs which indicate this growth and herald its increase are significant and reliable. To begin with, the undergraduates are working with enthusiasm and as a unit to promote the welfare of their Alma Mater. Someone asked me the other day how we managed to obtain so large a Freshman class last autumn, and my only reply was

that the students had done it. The result is we have the largest enrollment in the history of the College. The men, moreover, have come to stay. The losses since the beginning of the term have been in comparison with the other years of the present administration comparatively few. Moreover, it may be added in this connection that the outlook at present for the Freshman class of next September is even better and brighter than was the outlook at this time last year for the class of this.

The activity in behalf of the College is not however confined to the Undergraduates. The Alumni are evincing an interest and enthusiasm that augur great things for the future. They have exhibited this interest and enthusiasm in the most substantial ways. They have contributed the greater part of the five thousand a year subscribed for five years towards the deficit, while many of those who are unable to assist us at present have signified their intention of doing so in the near future. But the Alumni have not merely given money. They have also contributed time and strength and showed much zeal in getting together at several centres to spread and quicken loyal college feeling. The Geneva Alumni have already had two reunions and the Alumni of Buffalo and Rochester have had the same. We are today on the eve of a large and representative gathering of the Alumni of New York City and its vicinity together with Trustees and Professors of the College and many friends besides. Boston also is bestirring herself and there are good reasons for believing that the Hobart men of her immediate neighborhood will meet in February or March. Perhaps Chicago too will catch the contagion and add herself to those living centres where the Hobart spirit is aroused and the Hobart gospel preached.

The financial condition of the College also shows a marked improvement. Instead of a deficit of seven thousand dollars with which we were confronted at the Commencement of 1904,



the Commencement of 1905 found us only a thousand dollars in arrears. Next Commencement we hope to make an even better showing, for the increase of the number of non-scholarship students will add at least thirteen hundred dollars to the income of the current year. Hobart too is exceptionally fortunate in its Treasurer. Not only is he an able and industrious official, but he has intimately identified himself with the College and her fortunes. He has made her cause his own and he is working for her heart and soul and day and night. Under his skillful management the finances of the institution have been placed upon a surer footing and Hobart men everywhere may rest assured that under his jealous eye every penny spent will be well expended and every other penny will be saved and multiplied.

Besides all this Hobart is finding new friends and her old ones do not forget her. The bequests we have already received exhibit interest in unexpected quarters, while many people who at one time took no thought for her welfare or never mentioned her name are now beginning to recognize her existence, to acknowledge her value and to prophesy hopefully of her future. There is an air of confidence abroad which means new strength and backing. In short and to sum up, the increase of our student body and its loyal spirit, the widespread and enthusiastic activity of the Alumni, the improvement in our finances and the accession of new friends together with the atmosphere of hope and confidence which is diffused abroad, all combine to give us grounds for a bright and hopeful outlook. As President of the College I believe our opportunity is at our doors. It is for us all therefore to recognize and welcome this opportunity and to bend every energy we possess to make it fruitful of the best and most abundant results.

With sincere congratulations to the Trustees, I am,

Respectfully yours,

LANGDON C. STEWARDSON.

## THE ALUMNI DIRECTORY

It is the desire of the College to place the Catalogue and other Bulletins of each year in the hands of the former students of the College generally. For this purpose and to facilitate local and class reunions a complete and accurate Alumni Directory is essential. Nearly one thousand names are included in our list and the changes in address average seventy-five a year. This autumn over eighty new addresses have been secured by persistent effort.

We appeal to Hobart men everywhere to help us in this work; it is a simple, but most valuable service. We ask every alumnus to notify the Secretary, Prof. M. H. Turk, at once of a change of address on his part or that of any other Hobart man. Notice of the death of any former officer or student, with information concerning him, will also be highly appreciated.

The Secretary subjoins the names and former addresses of some Hobart men whom we can no longer reach. Can not some reader help us to more recent addresses?

A. B. Beach, '60.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
W. L. Beard, '89 .....	Manila, P. I.
W. G. Choate, '88.....	Denver, Colo.
F. E. Clayes, '88.....	71 Broadway, New York
Fatio Colt, '64.....	Bay City, Mich
F. E. Guy, '73.....	Whitney's Point, N. Y.
Rev. W. H. Johnson, '86.....	Utica, N. Y.
Prof. J. W. Jones, '61.....	Janesville, Wis.
N. P. Kelley, '59.....	Lenox, Mass.
J. M. Lay, '84.....	Bronxville, N. Y.
F. F. Milligan, '88.....	329 Rookery, Chicago, Ill.
E. J. Mumford, '64.....	Madisonville, Tenn.



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- L. DeZ. Norton, '89 ..... Syracuse, N. Y.  
 W. H. Pringle, '86 ..... Grand Forks, N. D.  
 G. K. Ramsey, '94 ..... Marvinsville, Ark.  
 G. N. Smith, '72 ..... Utica, N. Y.  
 C. W. Swift, '50 ..... 16 West 31, New York.  
 Alfred Ten Eyck, '85 ..... E. Saginaw, Mich.  
 C. A. Wall, '68 ..... Chicago, Ill.  
 Prof. Fred Willing, '83. U. S. Naval Acad., Annapolis, Md.  
 Col. C. J. Wright, '61. Studio Bldg., E. 10th St., New York.